

#16  
64  
9/5/03

## BEST AVAILABLE COPY

PTO/SB/30 (10/2001)

Approved for use through 10/31/2002 OMB 0851-0031

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

09/05/2003 Under the Paperwork Reduction Project of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number.

02 FC:1801

750.00 DA

# REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Address to:  
Commissioner for Patents  
Box RCE  
Washington, DC 20231

Application Number	09/911,066
Filing Date	July 23, 2001
First Named Inventor	Kazuhisa SENDA et al.
Art Unit	3677
Examiner Name	Dinesh Melwani
Attorney Docket Number	121036-009

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

## 1. Submission required under 37 CFR §1.114

a. ☐ Previously submitted

i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR §1.116 previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).

ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_

iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

b. ☒ Enclosed

i. ☒ Amendment/Reply

iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)

iv. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

## 2. Miscellaneous

a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR §1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR §1.17(i) required)

b. ☒ Other \_\_\_\_\_

## 3. Fees The RCE fee under 37 CFR §1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR §1.114 when the RCE is filed.

a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 12-2136

i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 CFR §1.17(e)

ii. ☒ Extension of time fee (37 CFR §§1.136 and 1.17)

iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

b. ☐ Check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ enclosed

c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

WARNING: Information on this form may become public. Credit card information should not be included on this form. Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038.

OFFICIAL

RECEIVED  
CENTRAL FAX CENTER

AUG 29

## SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED

Name (Print / Type)

Michael S. Gzybowski

Registration No. (Attorney / Agent)

32,816

Signature

*Michael S. Gzybowski*

Date

August 29, 2003

## CERTIFICATE OF MAILING OR TRANSMISSION

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner For Patents, Box RCE, Washington, DC 20231, or facsimile transmitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark

Name (Print / Type)

Michael S. Gzybowski

Signature

*Michael S. Gzybowski*

Date

August 29, 2003

Burden Hour Statement: This form is estimated to take 0.2 hours to complete. Time will vary depending upon the needs of the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you are required to complete this form should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Washington, DC 20231. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND Fees and Completed Forms to the following address: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Box RCE, Washington, DC 20231.

#17/D  
GW  
9/5/03

Appl. No. 09/911,066  
Amdt. Dated August 29, 2003  
Reply to Office Action of April 4, 2003

**PATENT APPLICATION*****IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE***

*Group*  
*Art Unit:* 3677

*Attorney*  
*Docket No.:* 121036-009 (new)

*Applicant:* Kazuhisa SENDA et al.

*Invention:* GASKET

*Serial No:* 09/911,066

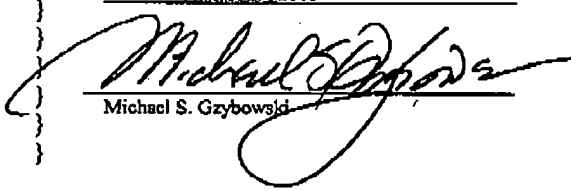
*Filed:* July 23, 2001

*Examiner:* Dinesh Melwani

**Certificate Under 37 CFR 1.8(b)**

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being transmitted to the United States Patent and Trademark Office via facsimile on the date indicated below.

on August 29, 2003

  
Michael S. Gzybowski

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner of Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Prior to continuing the examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of the claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.